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SUBJECT: SITREP--VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG

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1. MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES - ON MAY 19, THIRTEEN REFUGEES FROM HK IMMIGRATION CAMPS WERE PERMITTED TO ENTER HONG KONG AS RESIDENTS. ANOTHER 11 RECEIVED SIMILAR PERMISSION ON MAY 20, WHILE THREE OTHERS WERE PERMITTED TO DEPART THE CAMPS AS "VISITORS" IN HONG KONG PENDING ONWARD TRAVEL ELSEWHERE. IN ADDITION TO THESE, EIGHT MORE REFUGEES DEPARTED MAY 20 FOR CANADA. THUS, THE TOTAL NOW IN HK IMMIGRATION DETENTION IS 3,750.

2. REFUGEES ON BOARD SHIPS - WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SATISFY EMBASSY MANILA'S REQUEST (MANILA 6726) ON ASSURANCES FROM THE OWNERS OF THE S.S. EURYBATES. ICEM REPS HAVE PROCESSED THE REFUGEES ON BOARD AND PLANS TO SEND THEM TO GUAM VIA PANAM 848 ON MAY 22. WE WILL NOTIFY INS GUAM OF THEIR ARRIVAL TIME.

3. THE PANAMANIAN SHIP, THE GLORIOUS COUNTRY, REMAINS IN HONG KONG WITH 25 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ON BOARD. TEN OTHERS HAVE DEPARTED HONG KONG, SEVEN FOR CANADA AND THREE FOR FRANCE, TO JOIN RELATIVES THERE. HKG, WHICH HAS DEFINITE SUSPICIONS ABOUT THIS SHIP'S PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES AS A SMUGGLER
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OF BOTH PEOPLE AND GOODS INTO HONG KONG, IS NOT PREPARED TO

PERMIT THE REMAINING 25 ASHORE AND IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THEY WILL SAIL WITH THE SHIP, WHICH HAS ALREADY DELAYED ITS STAY IN HONG KONG. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, ONE VIETNAMESE FAMILY ON BOARD THE SHIP HAS A SON IN THE US AND THE ENTIRE FAMILY HAD BEEN BOOKED TO DEPART SAIGON APRIL 29 BY DAO, SAIGON. ANOTHER FAMILY HAS FOUR CHILDREN WHO WERE EVACUATED TO GUAM.

4. ANOTHER PANAMANIAN-FLAG VESSEL, THE HAI PENG, IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG MAY 22 WITH 87 REFUGEES ON BOARD. WE HAVE NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS SHIP.

5. INS PROCESSING OF REFUGEES - AFTER HAVING SPENT MAY 19 AND SOME OF MAY 20 PROCESSING REFUGEES IN DETENTION CAMPS UNDER THE CRITERIA UTILIZED BY INS GUAM, THE INS TEAM IS NOW RE-EXAMINING THOSE REFUGEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDELINES CONTAINED IN STATE 109341. AN ADDITIONAL INS OFFICER IS EXPECTED IN HONG KONG MAY 22.
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